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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
K. CHRISTOPHIDES-LORDI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1617
Application No.: 10/080,066) Examiner: Edward J. Webman
Filed: February 22, 2002)
For: METHODS FOR MODIFYING THE) Confirmation No.: 8578
APPEARANCE OF A SUBSTRATE)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Office Action dated October 7, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.